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Forum introduced residents to municipal candidates



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BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Municipal council candidates gathered for a forum-style discussion last Wednesday, Oct. 2, to give their platforms to, and answer questions from, an audience of residents in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

The event was hosted by the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Didsbury donated the use of the room for the discussions.

Each candidate was allowed a four-minute opening statement, and after all were completed, the forum was opened to questions from those in attendance.

Margo Ward, secretary of the cham-

ber, and the organizer, said she appreciated the fact that even the acclaimed mayor and representatives came and spoke, noting that there were over 100 in attendance.

"We always like to see more people come out, but we were happy with the turnout," said Ward.

She noted she would have liked to see the session go longer, as there were some good questions being asked, but added that the chamber likes to keep it down to a reasonable amount of time.

"The quality of the questions was good. There was nothing vindictive or malicious asked. We screen them anyways, but hopefully people gleaned enough information from the candidates," she added.

"So hopefully (residents) are now

able to confidently choose the candidates they want to vote for."

The event was simply to help inform residents and allow them to make an informed decision when choosing who they want to see on council, she added, noting that the attendance may have been down because all the county candidates were acclaimed, so county residents did not come to the forum.

Some of the questions asked of candidates included how many council meetings they have been to, which excluded incumbents.

Most said they had only been to a couple, if any, meetings.

Michel Larocque said he has not attended any meetings, as he wants to learn about information like all other residents do.

Ken Anderson said he has not attended council and said he knows what is going on due to reading the newspaper.

Natalie Desseroit has attended a few meetings, which made her decide to run, as she enjoyed the process and wants to partake in it.

Garth Hollinger has not attended any meetings, but he has decided to get involved because many of his friends told him he would do well at it.

Joyce McCoy said she has attended a few meetings, but also participated in the Municipal Planning Commission and Heritage Advisory Commission.

Kim Moore has not attended any meetings, but she said she hears a lot about the meetings, and because she works early she has not been able to attend in the past.

Sheila Schulz said she has recently attended a meeting, and being on the Didsbury Recreation and Culture Master Plan committee, she said she has a good idea how the process works.

When asked when they will listen to the public and when they will just push

ahead with a decision, the answers were as varied as the individual.

Anderson said that residents' concerns should be brought to councillors who will in turn bring them to the council table.

LaVar Adams said that council listens to residents as much as possible and used the open forum regarding the pools as an example.

He added that council meetings are open to the public, and the Committee of the Whole meetings also have a half-hour time slot for residents to voice their concerns.

Hollinger said it's essential to listen to the public as much as possible, noting that council still needs to make decisions, but that those decisions should be in agreement with what residents want.

Desseroit said that there is no easy answer, but noted that she would listen to the public, but also keep the greater good in mind, and deal with concerns on a case-by-case basis.

Larocque said he would listen to residents all the time because he is a public employee, and that it is a councillor's job to listen to his or her constituents.

McCoy said that sometimes council has to make hard decisions, and that those decisions don't have to have the complete support of the community, but rather the majority.

Kim Moore said she often hears complaints at her job, and that everything should get debated, good or bad.

Gail Nowlan said that the difficult aspect of listening to residents is that there will always be a variety of opinions, and that there is no possible way to ensure everybody is happy with every decision.

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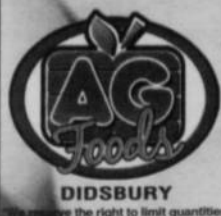


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Sheila Schulz answers a question from the crowd while (left to right) Kim Moore, Gail Nowlan and Gayle Veno look on.

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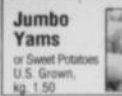
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2013 Municipal Election Candidates Part 1

Sheila Schulz

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Sheila Schulz decided to run for council because she wants to see the town grow and thrive in positive ways.

"As a mother, I have a keen interest in making Didsbury the perfect place to raise a family. I also want to make sure it has all the important things a senior might want, as I expect to be a senior in Didsbury eventually," said Schulz.

Her family lives, works, and goes to school in town, and because of that, thriving business is important to her, she added.

"Didsbury is in an important growth phase right now and I want to see the town develop in the best way possible to create a dynamic and vibrant community with great parks, recreation facilities, businesses, schools, facilities and homes."

She has been considering run-

ning for council the last few years and believes her understanding of economics and politics makes her a good candidate for council.

She will be a benefit to residents, she said, "because I have the ability to listen more than talk, and I can be very aware of the concerns and ideas of Didsbury residents."

"I am well-educated, well-spoken, and socially adept. I am honest and trustworthy, and will prove it should I be elected to council."

She said she will fight for the issues that are important and voice her opinions and the opinions of residents at the council table.

She would like to maintain strong communication with residents and learn everything she can about town processes to keep residents informed, she added.

"As a council person, I would try to be more accessible to the public, and listen to what citizens are

saying and voice their concerns in council."

She would also like to see the council more in touch with residents through things like social media, and noted the current council has made good progress on it, but that it can still be improved.

"I also really want to encourage citizens to get involved, to come out to council meetings, to understand how the political process works, and to become a part of that process. People need to understand that there is a cost for everything we want to create or build in Didsbury," she said.

"We must not focus on only one aspect of our community. We must balance our need for business, industry, recreation, education, infrastructure, housing, et cetera, with careful decisions."



Sheila Schulz

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Joyce McCoy

BY KEVIN VINK
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Joyce McCoy has lived in Didsbury for almost 30 years, and believes her experience can be put to good use for the betterment of the town.

Her experience includes working for the past eight years for the Rocky View School Division in information technology, co-chairing the town's Heritage Advisory committee, and she also has a "strong financial background and a history of turning organizations around."

McCoy believes that operating and capital budgets should align with an evolving strategic plan, which should be reviewed annually and aligned with the budget, depending on the progress towards goals listed in that plan.

"Tax increases should be aligned to the cost of living and should never exceed that rate," said McCoy. "Ultimately, as our community grows, our taxes should go down."

She noted it is essential that funds

are set aside from the operating budget for infrastructure and capital, enabling officials to take advantage of matching grants available for projects, and to enable the town to carry the short-term debt financing required for some of the larger projects.

She would also like to see a focus on infrastructure longevity and an ongoing preventive maintenance plan, as well as planning future developments with current infrastructure in mind, she said, noting that existing facilities are essential in attracting residents and businesses to town.

McCoy would also like to ensure the town's development agreement is simplified and competitive, compared to surrounding communities, and would like to look into incentives that other communities are offering.

She would like to see the town supporting and developing entrepreneurship by ensuring that the town has a good economic development

plan and a business revitalization plan, noting that assembling focus groups could help accomplish this and also make recommendations on them, and help establish a Business Revitalization Plan and a Main Street Alberta program plan.

She believes council should increase communication with, and engage the community, and provide transparency through the use of focus groups, committees, forums, and open houses, while increasing the use of social media, the town website, and the newspaper.

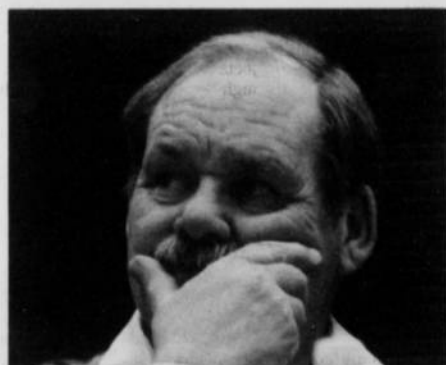
"The community needs to become engaged in the process of running the town. There needs to be regular community forums to ensure we are in touch with our stakeholders, not just when contentious issues comes up as was the case for the last three years."

She added council needs to encourage involvement in the processes of council, with the budget process including input from residents.



Joyce McCoy

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Garth Hollinger

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Forum

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"Do we listen to the loud minority or the quiet majority?" Nowlan added.

Schulz also noted that the majority isn't always the

loudest group, and that she would lean more towards voting for the greater good of residents.

Gayle Veno said that council has on many occasions tried to gather input from residents, from open houses to forums, many of which have not been well-attended.

When the incumbents were asked what they felt this council's greatest accomplishment was, Adams said he thought the initiation of Shantz Crossing was one, as well as seeing other development like Heritage Crossing, the Cayenne strip mall, and the Reimer Plaza.

Nowlan agreed that Shantz was a big accomplishment, and Veno said completing the renovations on the pool was a big one for her.

Other questions asked included what candidates would do to encourage economic development in town, and most said they would employ networking and look at taxation rates to encourage businesses to move in.

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Garth Hollinger

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Garth Hollinger has been in Didsbury for over 40 years, and said he hears a lot of concerns from residents and wants to strive to bring residents factual information of what council does and wants to do what he can to help the town move forward.

"I've had an awful lot of work using reserve funds and budgeting projections," said Hollinger, noting that he would like to see an established reserve fund to avoid bumps in the future, and minimize going into debt.

"It's like owning a house. If you keep putting off repairs, a \$2,000 repair can turn into a \$20,000 repair."

So far, he thinks the

current town council has done well, but had a tendency to surprise people, and wants to try better to keep residents informed.

"If you keep people informed, surprises don't hit them so hard," he noted.

He said he also wants to keep taxes for both businesses and residents as low as possible, and to grow the industrial and business tax base.

"I believe I can help, with the experience I've got. When I do something I tend to throw myself all the way into it."

He would also like to "seriously continue to advertise" Didsbury in other communities to grow interest in the town, because, he noted, if the businesses come in, everything else will follow.

"The campaign of reaching out to other communities is essential. I'd definitely push that."

He also said he'd push for two panels to give input to town council: a panel of seniors and one of youth, to ensure both groups, which are essential to Didsbury's future, have input in the direction of the town.

He's also "110 per cent in favour of a new heliport," realizing that although there is a cost associated with it, the health of the town is tied to the health of the hospital.

"I'm out for the best I can do for Didsbury. It's my community and I want to see my community stable, and I want to see it grow and I want to see it stay safe," he said.

Natalie Desseroit-St. Jacques

BY KEVIN VINK
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Natalie Desseroit decided to run for council this term because she is passionate about the town, loves challenges, and is looking forward to continuing the work of previous councils as well as bringing in some new ideas.

She recently completed a land administration course at Olds College, has lots of life experience, and a passion for learning new things.

She also has "a stubborn streak, a good work ethic, at times a big mouth, as I will always fight for what is right and

fair," said Desseroit.

"I will always listen and may not always agree, but I do believe I have fairly good grasp of the issues going on around me. And as far as the things I don't know, I am willing to research, investigate and learn from those who do have the knowledge in order to make informed decisions."

She believes her experience as a stay-at-home mom will benefit the town because she knows how to prioritize financially between needs and wants.

She wants to see council focus on accountability, transparency,

economic growth, infrastructure, and youth.

Because Didsbury has seen a recent influx in young families, she noted it's essential to keep kids and teens entertained, and thinks assembling a committee of youth to help guide council would help.

She believes in doing what she can to encourage non-residential growth to expand the tax base, allowing it to spend more money on improvements.

"I would like to see us turn Didsbury into a thriving, diversified, exciting, family-friendly, tourist-appealing place to live," she said.

Gail Nowlan - incumbent

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Gail Nowlan has served as a councillor since 2007 and she has done so with enthusiasm, sincerity, passion and an open mind, she says.

She is running again because she believes in the people of Didsbury and the direction the town is headed in regards to Shantz Crossing, the Recreation and Culture Master Plan, and the maintenance of the pool, she said.

"I want to remain on council to see Didsbury continue moving forward and to ensure the projects we have on the go continue through to completion," said Nowlan.

"I am very committed and supportive of the direction council is headed - I want to see the next council continue that path as well as get into the Recreation and Culture Master Plan by making some firm plans out of it. Taking action on that will add to my first priority of quality of life for our residents."

Along with her six years' experience on council, she has also participated in many committees, because she believes a successful councillor needs

to be engaged in the community, honest, well-informed and able to relate to all residents.

"When I help make decisions at the council table it is with the betterment of Didsbury as my main goal," she said, adding her main priorities on council have been improving residents' quality of life, building reserves, economic development and reaching a more sustainable tax balance.

"When I am making decisions at the council table I have never lost sight of how each decision made can immediately impact 5,000 people," she said.

She noted council has continually worked to improve communication with residents and looks forward to working with the next council to come up with some new ways of doing it, if elected.

"I am grateful every day for the opportunity to be on council and represent the residents of Didsbury. I am passionate, always ready to listen and take action on items and am 100 per cent accountable for decisions made at the table."

Besides her experience at the council table, she also brings her experience as a human resources manager for the Rocky View Foundation.



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Natalie Desseroit-St. Jacques



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Gail Nowlan

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Opinion

Editorial Task force has important job ahead

A recently formed provincial task force that will be reviewing the roles and responsibilities of Alberta's teachers over the next three months has a big job ahead.

The Task Force for Teaching Excellence will also see members conduct public consultations and make recommendations on possible future legislation related to teaching and other education professions.

In launching the initiative, Education Minister Jeff Johnson acknowledged that the task force's work and findings would be of great public interest.

"The task force will make recommendations on how we can better support Alberta's teachers to ensure every student has the best chance at success," said Johnson.

"Education in Alberta must be delivered differently if Alberta's education system is to become truly collaborative

and inclusive. The system must encourage and support creativity, innovation and entrepreneurialism to attain the highest possible standards and to ensure every student's success."

With education touching most Alberta families, and in particular those with school-age children, the outcome of the task force's work could have far-reaching impacts across the province for years to come.

As such, it is hoped that the Redford government will make a concerted effort to implement any worthwhile recommendations coming out of the process.

At the same time, Albertans would be very disappointed if it turns out, in the end, that the task force was nothing more than political posturing by the PCs in the critical education arena.

While the Alberta Teachers' Association, which represents educators in every town and city in this province, has come out in support of the task force, it has also raised concerns.

In particular the association is concerned that it was not asked to name a representative on the task force. (Instead, the minister unilaterally appointed a member).

"A key piece of developing the supports teachers need has to include listening to teachers," said ATA president Mark Ramsankar. "We look forward to hearing how the voice of teachers and their professional association will be included in this process."

The association expects that the task force's recommendations will be presented to the teacher development and practice advisory committee for comments, he said.

In particular the association will expect that "any major legislative, regulatory or policy shift regarding the (teaching) profession will be vetted at that committee prior to government consideration," he said.

It is in the best interest of Alberta as a whole that, as Minister Johnson says, "every student has the best chance at success."

Hopefully this new task force will be able to put aside political wrangling and focus its efforts entirely on the very big and important job it has been given.



DAN SINGLETON

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Commentary

Lessons from the XL Foods recall

SYLVAIN CHARLEBOIS

Food safety crises often lead to better things. The XL Foods recall, the largest in Canadian history, happened just over a year ago, and has arguably had a positive impact on industry and regulations alike.

The latest, Gort's Gouda Cheese Farm recall involving raw-milk cheeses will likely not be an exception either.

Over the years, most of the recalls have barely affected consumers in how they perceive risks. The XL Foods incident failed to significantly affect the relationship Canadian consumers have with their favourite steak. Purchases of bovine proteins have remained fairly robust even though sales have continued to dwindle for the past 25 years or so.

Industry-wise, some of the key players have also changed for the better. In government, after a very public mea culpa, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is aggressively addressing long-standing organizational issues for the betterment of our food safety systems.

First, the XL Foods recall led to a change in management, and soon after, ownership. The transition literally happened during the investigation. Brazilian giant JBS's arrival in Brooks was welcome news for many local stakeholders. The influx of capital and expertise from international markets has allowed the plant to keep its employees and improve processes. Most importantly, JBS's

culture on risk management contrasts with that of the former owners, and aligns more effectively with our federal regulations in food safety.

At the same time, the CFIA has become a better regulator as a result of the recall. When it comes to oversight and inspections, the XL foods recall allowed the agency, and perhaps the public, to understand that capacity is not necessarily as important as how risk monitoring actually manifests itself on site.

The agency's newly adopted risk-based inspection oversight is a refreshing change for both industry and government. It is a more structured approach to analyzing risks in an open system, which means our system will not only be more connected with other countries, it will also become more transparent and customized to any establishment's compliance history. In other words, risk surveillance will now become more strategic and consumers will now have the ability to understand what goes on during inspections.

In the domain of risk communication in the era of modern social networking, this can only make more sense. Interconnectedness between the agency and the consumer, which has been a challenge for many years, will be more apparent.

The other uplifting change has been the unequivocal recognition that inspectors need training and that standards applicability needs

to be more uniform across the board. In order for industry to be compliant, it needs consistency in terms of how regulations are interpreted by those upholding them, that is, the inspectors. This is a godsend for industry, and more so for consumers. In the end, the powers of nurturing the culture of food safety will supersede the lingering paradigm which suggests that more inspections offer safer food for Canadians.

Consumers are sometimes confused about food safety, and why blame them? Industry and regulators alike are equally confused about how to communicate risks to the public. At some point, media will have to play a secondary role to the CFIA as our country's premier food safety information outlet. These shortcomings are slowly being addressed.

Climate change, consumer choices, and even our unclear economics are making risks more challenging to foresee. As such, the CFIA and industry need to be predisposed to adaptable methods of managing risks, which is the intent of this new approach by the CFIA.

The devastating effects of the XL foods recall were not in vain. There is evidence that we've learned from it. Let's make sure the learning process continues as we move on to the next major recall.

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Choir members needed for November concert

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury High School (DHS) band is in search of some local choir members for the fall concert being hosted at the school on Nov. 6.

Kirk Wassmer, music director at DHS, said he is in search of anywhere from 100 to 150 singers to participate in the event, as the climax of the evening will be a song in

remembrance of four chaplains who went down with a ship during the Second World War.

"The piece is called *The Light Eternal*, and it's based around a troop ship that was sunk in the North Atlantic, and there's actually a great story behind it," said Wassmer.

"The piece itself recreates the scene, and you can hear in the music the torpedoes coming towards the ship, the sonar and the alarms going off.

"It's a very graphic piece of music, but it's a beautiful piece at the same time," he said. Singers do not have to be a certain age, just able to sing well, and willing to participate alongside a 90-piece band in an epic piece of music, he noted.

If anybody would like to participate Wassmer encourages them to call him directly at 403-335-3356, extension 5959 or email him at (kwassmer@chinooksedge.ab.ca).

TOWN OF DIDSBURY



Town Office: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm 403.335.3391
Public Works: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm 403.335.8343
Information Line 403.335.2030
After Hours Pager 403.507.3624
Didsbury Neighborhood Place 403.335.8719
Aquatic Centre and Arena 403.335.7369

PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm.
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm.
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, October 9 at 4:30 pm.
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

NOTICE OF ADVANCED POLL

Town of Didsbury - 2013 Municipal Elections

Friday, October 11, 2013 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Town of Didsbury Council Chambers

2037 - 19th Avenue

Please use side entrance on 21st Street

Voter Eligibility Identification Requirements

- 1 Piece of photo identification with name and address issued by a Canadian government (federal, provincial, local or any agency thereof); or
- 1 Piece of identification that states your name & address.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for:

- Child Care Worker - two positions
- Lifeguards - part-time

For more details and how to apply, please go to:
www.didsbury.ca/town/careers



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NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

Board Game Mania - October 2 - December 18, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Cost: \$3.00 for drop-in or \$30.00 for pre-registered children.

Boys Woodworking Night Out - Wednesday October 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719 to register.

FREE Family Sponsored Swim

Sunday, October 27 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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Under Town of Didsbury Waste Bylaw 03-01 Section 5, 5.2 "All waste must fit into the regulation cart with the cart lid closed tightly". Did you know that if you are in violation of this bylaw that you could be subject to a fine of \$115.00?

Didsbury Community Peace Officers have received a few complaints with regards to residents not having their garbage carts properly closed. Enforcement will begin with regards to these complaints. Any regulation cart found to be out on the curb without the lid tightly closed could face a fine of up to \$115.00.

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ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

	October	November
Black Bin	8,9,10,22,23,24	5,6,7,19,20,21
Green Bin	1,2,3,15,16,17,29,30,31	No collection November - April

Please visit www.didsbury.ca/recycling to view pick-up zone map to determine what day your bin will be picked up.



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NOTICE OF ELECTION DAY

Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

Local Jurisdiction: The Town of Didsbury, in the Province of Alberta.
Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies
Councillor	6

Voting will take place on the 21st Day of October, 2013 between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm. Voting station(s) will be located at:

Didsbury Memorial Complex, Multi-Purpose Room
1702 - 21 Avenue

In order to vote, valid identification must be produced at the time of voting. The identification must state your name and address. Examples include:

- Utility Bill (e.g. telephone, gas, electrical, cable)
- Vehicle ownership or insurance certificate
- Bank/Credit Card Statement or personal cheque
- Correspondence issued by a school, college or university
- Government cheque or cheque stub
- Income/property tax assessment notice
- Insurance policy or coverage card
- Letter from public curator, public guardian or public trustee
- Pension Plan statement of benefit (e.g. employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit)

DATED at the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta, this 30th day of September, 2013.

Luana G. Smith
Chief Returning Officer

Splash into a New Career Become a Lifeguard!

The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be having a National Lifeguard Service (NLS) Certification course on the following dates:

November 7th - 10th 2013

Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Participants must be 16 years or older and have taken their Standard First Aid or AEC and Bronze Cross Certifications. Cost is \$305.00 + GST. Call 403-335-7369 to register!

Mayor's Talk: October

Fibre optic coming to Didsbury

I have been hearing this a lot lately: so what's the deal with Telus?

As you have no doubt seen or heard, there has been a lot of activity and a big presence in Didsbury by Telus over the past two months.

A few months back Telus approached town council. As part of the Telus growth strategy, they wanted to pursue a fibre optic project with a rural community they knew to be progressive and growth-focused. That led them to Didsbury.

Five years ago, council explored the possibility of bringing fibre optics into each and every residence and business in town, but the costs were overwhelming, so it never went any further at that time. So when Telus

approached council with this proposal council was very interested in becoming a pilot community for this fibre optic venture.



BRIAN WITTAL

What does this mean for Didsbury residents and businesses? Fibre optics will give you the ability to access some of the fastest Internet speeds in the entire province, plus other options such as Telus Optik TV. For business owners, it will offer the speed necessary to operate not only locally, but globally as well.

Telus is responsible for all project costs, so there is no cost or commitment to either the Town of Didsbury or to you as citizens. Over the past two months, Telus has had contractors installing the main cables and set-

ting up the necessary hub points that will be needed to complete the fibre optic network throughout Didsbury. This portion of the project has been completed.

The Telus team is now out in full force, going door to door requesting your permission to come onto your property to do the final connection of fibre from the main lines to your home and/or business. It is your choice if you want Telus to run the fibre to your house or not, and again there is no cost you. I have been assured by Telus that if they disturb your yard in any way through the connection process, the area will be restored after the work is done, but some plantings (including the lawn) may take time to recover fully.

The most important message that I can leave you with is that regardless of whether or not you believe you will

ever use the fibre, I would still suggest that you consider having them install the fibre to your home or business now because there is no cost to you to do that work. Having fibre to your property will definitely be a benefit if you ever sell your property in the future, so please consider this before you say no to this option.

This is a one-of-a-kind project that is going to help Didsbury grow into a progressive, leading-edge, state-of-the-art community that will attract new businesses and residents to our great town.

In the coming weeks, Telus will be holding open houses and providing information packages to you. I suggest that you take the time to attend these open houses and find out about this new opportunity for Didsbury residents.

Brian Wittal is the mayor of Didsbury.



Noel West/MVP Staff

GOOD VOLLEY - Didsbury Dragons player Kim Miller (#6) returns the ball during the Dragons' game against the Olds High School Spartans senior high volleyball team at Didsbury High School on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

**RIGHT ID
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There are **NEW** Voter ID requirements for the municipal elections.

Upcoming municipal elections on October 21 across Alberta offer a chance to vote for the future of your community. New Voter ID requirements mean you'll need to bring proper identification to be able to vote. Check with your municipality about local requirements.

Alberta Government

Visit alberta.ca or call toll-free 310-0000 then 780-427-2225 for more information.

www.didsburyreview.ca

Colts make final cuts, roster set for season

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts' roster has been officially set and the team has been working out well so far, say officials.

Head coach Don Edwards said there have been some big changes on the team compared to last year, most notably 13 new players making the roster.

There were six players from last year who aged-out between seasons and only three of them were able to stay on, as some left town for either school or work, he said.

"We needed a few more spots filled by some young guys and there was lots of good young talent out there for tryouts this year so I think we've got a pretty good team," said Edwards.

"We've got lots of newer boys. They know how to

score goals and they're really hard-working boys. So far the other two teams we've played, they have a never-say-die attitude and we're really, really happy with the young boys that have come on and it's made the older boys pick up their game."

He added there are two new goaltenders who have been doing a good job, too.

"I think we're going to have a - I shouldn't even say - but I think we're maybe going to have the best team I've seen for a couple years."

Another positive thing about the new players is that they are older than most rookies have been in the past, and their experience is going to give the team an advantage this season, he noted.

"They're 18, so they're a little bit older. But they're first-year boys and I think that kind of makes a difference," he said.

"We only kept one 16-year-old, and then we're

going to affiliate some 16-year-old boys who came to try out. Really good hockey players, but we didn't think we could give them enough ice time. So they're going to go back and play midget and play some games when we're short of players."

Last weekend was the real test for the team, as it faced off against both Okotoks and Blackfalds, which are generally very strong teams.

The roster for the Colts for this hockey season is as follows, with player name followed by jersey number: Colton Anderson (22), Rick Gundlock (5), Shane Bosomworth (23), Ryan Klinec (21), Tyler Shapka (8), Curtis Smith (7), Tyson Schmidt (11), Bryton Wagner (44), Braeden Anderson (17), Clinton Armitage (24), Kevin Vandenhoven (4), Lucas Fraser (9), Cole Sutherland (10), Dylan Jones (18), Cody Krebs (19), Dennis Lawrence (6), Austin Pedersen (16), Jason Edwards (15), Kyle Messervey (27), Tyson Reimert (3), and Evan Thompson (20).

And the two goaltenders are Connor Slipp (31) and Thomas Della Siega (29).

To view game schedules and team statistics, visit (www.mountainviewcolts.ca).



Noel West/MVP Staff

A Mountainview Colts player makes a shot during a practice at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Berghal Mennonite Church

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5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,
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Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
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For more information please contact
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Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus:
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
Olds St. Steven's Office
403-556-3084

Redeemer Lutheran Lutheran Church Canada

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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Small Group Bible Study meetings
throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 403-335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly
activities please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada

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Rector - David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday
each month

West Zion Mennonite Church

westzion.com has a map for directions
Senior Pastor Mal Braun
Youth Pastor Josh Tiel
Sunday Services 10:00 am
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Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy 582 & 20 Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor
Alison Lefebvre, Youth Pastor
Christine Little, Children's Pastor
Sunday Services 10:45 am
Sunday School at 9:30 for all ages
Programming for children up to Gr. 6



AROUND TOWN

WITH THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY

October is Library Month

Visit the Library this month for lots to see and do. Fibre Arts Exhibit here until October 15. Gadget Lab on loan from The Alberta Library - try some new eReaders and tablets - until October 21st.

October 9

TOPS Open House, free to the public! Take Off Pounds Sensibly invites everyone to join them with no obligation. 7 to 8 pm at the Didsbury Hospital Unit 3. For information call Bonny 403-335-9155.

October 9

Five-O Club welcomes members & guests to Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 12:30. Turkey supplied, bring your favourite salad, dessert, or veggie dish. Donations to the Food Bank appreciated.

October 11

Carpet Bowling will be starting Friday, October 11 at 10 am. We play every Monday and Friday at 10 am at the 5-O Club. To get your name on our schedule, call Joyce at 335-2861 or Mona at 335-0085.

October 12

Old Time Threshing Bee East of Carstairs to 791 2 miles 12:00 noon, Beef on the Bun. Donation for Food Grains Bank! Contact Lyle Brown 403 - 337 2134

October 16

Community Café at the Didsbury Library 7 to 9 pm. Enjoy coffee and conversation with the candidates running in the municipal elections.

October 16

Snapshot Day at the Didsbury Library. Join us for tea and coffee and goodies and share your stories about the library, if you wish. Play with Photobooth and take your own snapshots!

October 18

Olds Hospital Auxiliary Fall Fair 12:00 noon Olds Legion Hall Noon Luncheon, Entertainment, Roast Beer Supper 5-7 pm Baking Crafts & Draws

October 21

Author Talks at the Didsbury Library. Cartoonist and children's book illustrator Gerry Rasmussen will be presenting at 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 1 pm and 2 pm.

October 26

Ag Society Christmas Craft Sale. Saturday, October 26 from 10 am to 4 pm at the ZEMC Gym. Contact Jean Flett 403 335-8123 or Laura Krebs 403 335-4252 for more information.

October 26

Stamp Club meets at the Library at 1:30 pm on the last Saturday of each month. Join other enthusiastic philatelists to share stories, trade and sell. For more information call Mark at 403-335-4128.

October 23

Coffee & Conversation at the Museum. 1 PM to 3:30 PM Bill Windsor Sr. will be in house to discuss woodcarving. Coffee & Conversation is free and held at the museum on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

October 25

The Didsbury Curling Club would like to invite you to come and check out curling. We are offering free clinics and wings on Friday October 25 from 7-9pm. There is no obligation to join our club, just come and join in on the fun! We will still be accepting members if you want to join a league.

November 6

Didsbury & District Community Bus trip to Rosebud Theatre for "It's a Wonderful Life". Join us for a Christmas Story. Bus leaves complex at 9:30 am. Cost is \$60 per person. MUST be paid before October 23. Call Evelyn at 403 335-4899 to reserve your seat.

November 10

Rugby Hall Turkey Supper. 2:00-5:30. For more information please call 403 335-8767 or 403 335-4248.

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@prl.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.



SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



DANNY MILLER
Deputy Chief
Service: 7 Years

safety tip

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Oliver Godsall

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Oliver Godsall says he's always thought about following a career in emergency services, more specifically the police service, and he thought getting into fire-fighting was a good first step.

"I thought the fire department would be

the perfect thing to get me started on the first-responder (career path)," said Godsall.

Almost exactly a year ago, he picked up his application, and he says it's been a great experience so far.

One of the things he likes about being part of the Didsbury Fire Department is how it's completely different

from what other people do.

"We do things most people will probably not see in their entire lives," he adds.

"It's also a nice change. You could have a boring day with nothing happening, or you could have a couple car crashes and a structure fire. You never know."

His goal is to become a police officer as soon as possible, but he notes that he wants to stay with the DFD as long as possible.

He also said that being a firefighter has given him a good headstart in his adult life, as he just graduated from Didsbury High School this June.

"It's definitely boosted my self-esteem and the confidence level has just gone straight up," he says.

"I'm surprised how fast you learn to get along with these people. You learn to get along with them really quickly."



CURTIS MOUSSEAU
Training Officer
Service: 8 Years

safety tip

If fire breaks out while cooking, put a lid on the pan to smother it. Never throw water on a grease fire.

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Service: 2 Years

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JESSE DERKSEN
Position: Firefighter
Service: 3 Years

safety tip

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MATT CODE
Position: Firefighter
Service: 2 Years

safety tip

Make sure your camp fires are out before you leave them.

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BRAYDON SNYDER
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Pre-plan an escape route in your home with your family, on paper.

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Position: Firefighter
Service: 1 Year

safety tip

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PAULA DREVER
Position: Firefighter
Service: 8 Years

safety tip

Test your smoke detectors regularly and change the batteries yearly.

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Jordan Gustavson

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Jordan Gustavson joined the Didsbury Fire Department as a cadet last year and just received his pager when he graduated from high school this June.

He joined after some Didsbury firefighters presented at the high school and informed him that he could train as a firefighter through the school year and upon graduation become a full-fledged firefighter.

"So I decided I'd give it a try and it just really appealed to me. So I decided at the end of the year I was going to stick around and become a full member of the department," said Gustavson.

He explained department officials wanted him to be finished with all his diploma exams before giving him his pager. Pagers alert all firefighters to emergencies in their areas.

He says when the pager goes off, "The first thing that goes through my head is 'what the heck is that racket?' Then I wake up and realize it's my pager, and I get into duty mode.

"Don't care what time it is - it's my duty to the town and department to respond no matter what time of night it is. So I just wake up and go."

Gustavson adds that he enjoys the atmosphere, camaraderie and brotherhood of the department.

David Smith

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

David J. Smith recently finished his training for the Didsbury Fire Department (DFD) and will soon be getting his pager.

He graduated from high school in 2009, and currently works for the Town of Didsbury at the memorial complex. He decided to join because being a firefighter has always piqued his interest, ever since he was young, he says.

"I thought it would be a good thing to do. And then this past year during the winter, the Town of Didsbury council made the pact that the (DFD) was looking for town employees because of a shortage, and they needed people

to be there for day calls," says Smith.

"To me that really sparked the interest to start, so I thought 'you know what, sure!'"

So he got all his paperwork filled out and started his training in April.

He notes that there were some others who went through the training program with him, but some were not able to stay, either because they lost interest or their lives wouldn't allow for it.

Smith enjoys how he's "working with the town and now I'm able to do that and I have a greater purpose with the town, as part of the (DFD).

"And it has a lot of great guys...a lot of these guys I went to school with. I just love being part of it."



KYLE LEESON
Treasurer/Secretary
Service: 5 Years

safety tip

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Service: 1 Year

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PATRICK MILNE
Position: Firefighter
Service: 1 Year

safety tip

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MIKE O'DELL
Captain
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OLIVER GODSALL
Position: Firefighter
Service: 1 Year

safety tip

Planning and practicing a
home fire escape plan
is a smart thing to do.



DAVID SMITH
Position: Firefighter
Service: 1 Year

safety tip

Communicate...always tell
someone where you are
and what you are doing.

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I encourage everyone to visit our interactive website at www.3minutedrill.alberta.ca where you can learn more about home fire safety.

Let's make Alberta a fire safe province!

Yours in fire safety,
Trent R. West
Executive Director and
Fire Commissioner
Office of the Fire
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What better gift can we give our families than the gift of safety and confidence?

Fire Prevention Week 2013 is upon us and this year's theme is Prevent Kitchen Fires.

A quarter of all house fires in 2010 in Alberta started in the kitchen. We spend a lot of time with our families in the kitchen – cooking, talking about our day, doing homework.

For many of us, the kitchen is the heart of our home. But the kitchen is also a place with a number of dangers if we don't practice basic fire safety.

By doing simple things like supervising our cooking, maintaining our appliances and learning how to



Didsbury Firefighters bring in the hose during a mock evacuation at the Aspen Ridge Lodge last month.

Kevin Vink/MVP Staff



WALTER O'DELL

Captain

Service: 25 Years

safety tip

Make sure all flammable liquids are properly labelled and stored away from heat and flames.



TODD PAULSON

Fire Prevention Officer

Service: 12 Years

safety tip

Cooking fires are the #1 cause of house fires in the province of Alberta. Don't use your smoke detector as a cooking timer.



CRAIG MARTIN

Position: Firefighter

Service: 6 Years

safety tip

Use extreme caution when decorating with candles and supervise children at all times when candles are lit.



BEN VALLEE

Position: Firefighter

Service: 3 Years

safety tip

Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from your home and other structures.



PETER KLANTEN

Position: Firefighter

Service: 3 Years

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Curling registrations up from last year, officials

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Curling Club's registration night went well, say officials, with registration numbers seeming to be up from last year.

Club president Jen Bommarito said more people signed up during the registration than last year, but noted that many players usually don't register until the first league events start.

"Usually many people don't show up until the first day of leagues, so we don't really know until they start those," said Bommarito.

"But it did seem more people came,

especially juniors. I'd love to have a strong juniors' league."

As of now, there are 12 juniors signed up and paid for and she added there have been other parents calling to inquire about the time and money involved, but she can't say for sure how many of them will have signed up by the time classes start.

At the registration night, there were about 15 people who signed up for the men's league, but the women's and seniors' leagues did not get enough interest and may not run this year.

"But for the mixed league we definitely have 17 and are expecting a couple more, and that will be better

than last year because we only had seven. So our number for the mixed leagues is up and that's great."

The stick curling always does well, she noted, though she didn't have exact numbers for that league.

"They're just a great group of people and I think they have lost a couple of people, but for the most part they're a strong league and obviously they would love more. But as it is, they're strong," she said.

A member of the community paid

for a group called Rocks and Rings to present at Westglen School and she is hoping that might spur some interest for more youngsters to join up. She added that the club will let kids come to one or two classes for free just to see what curling is all about.

The club will also be hosting an open house night on Oct. 15, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., where the club is offering chicken wings and free ice time for those who want to try it out.

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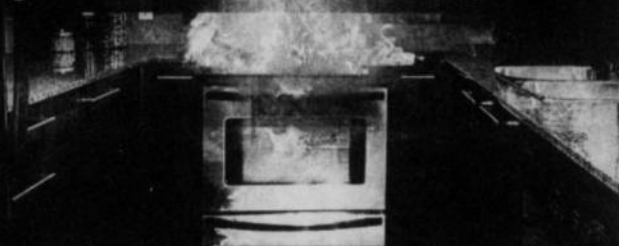
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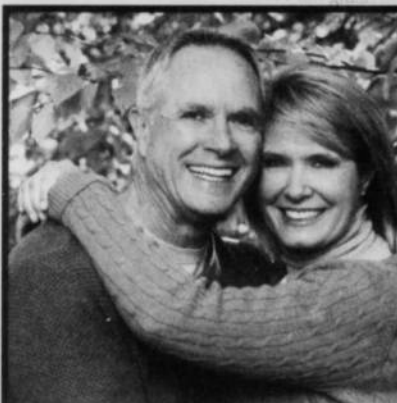


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Schools bring in \$2,230 for Terry Fox Foundation

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Three of Didsbury's schools got together for a massive tribute to Terry Fox on Sept. 26, as Didsbury High School (DHS), Westglen School, and Ross Ford Elementary students ran down the streets together.

Each school raised money in its own way, and Leanne Jacobson, a DHS teacher, explained that the leadership class she teaches organized the efforts of the high school's students.

"It was their project for leadership," said Jacobson. "They approached three of our teachers asking if they would be willing to dye their hair or shave their head if we were able to raise a certain amount of money."

The school always asks students to bring in two dollars each, but this year the students wanted to go above and beyond what they usually do, she said.

"It was great, we had a lot of response from the students - overwhelmingly so. They only needed \$800 and they ended up collecting \$1,300. So they really rose to that challenge and were definitely egged on by our teachers that they weren't worried, that the kids would never raise that kind of money."

The DHS students raised a total of \$1,354.25 in just three short days, she said.

Westglen students rallied together and pulled in \$617 in total through a few initiatives including collections from students and sales of lemonade following the run, and Ross Ford Elementary gathered \$250, according to officials, with all donations going towards the Terry Fox Foundation.

The schools' contributions, combined with the public run last month, bring the total donations to \$5,205, according to Craig Martin, who spearheaded the public event.



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff
Didsbury High School students dressed up in their tightest and brightest apparel for the run.



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Students flooded the streets for the run. Ross Ford Elementary, Westglen School and Didsbury High School all met up in front of Ross Ford for the walk around town.

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Community helps grant children's wishes

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Wishmaker Walk for Wishes was a huge success with about 100 participants walking through town on Sept. 28, raising around \$20,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation, say officials.

"It surpassed all my wildest dreams for what this walk could have been like," said Elisha Jackson, development coordinator for the foundation.

A couple of months ago, she said she was talking with her sister about hosting an event, noting she didn't have very high expectations of what Didsbury could do for the foundation.

"I said, 'You know, we could try it, see what it's like. We could maybe do \$5,000 if it's a really good

turnout,' and we ended up doing \$20,000, so it was a really pleasant surprise. It was amazing."

"All the people that I've known were coming out to support these children that they have never even met before and help grant their wishes."

ELISHA JACKSON,
organizer

It was an emotional experience for Jackson especially, because she grew up in town, and she saw many friends and

family members come out to support a good cause.

"All the people that I've known were coming out to support these children that they have never even met before and help grant their wishes. It was remarkable," she said.

Despite the high wind, everyone had a good time, she added.

Most of the volunteers and sponsors also joined in on the walk, donning race bibs and touring the town by foot with the others. "It was just cool to see that too, and so I really think that we have an annual event on our hands now."

The average cost of a wish is \$10,000, she noted, so Didsbury has effectively granted two wishes for two children who are going through

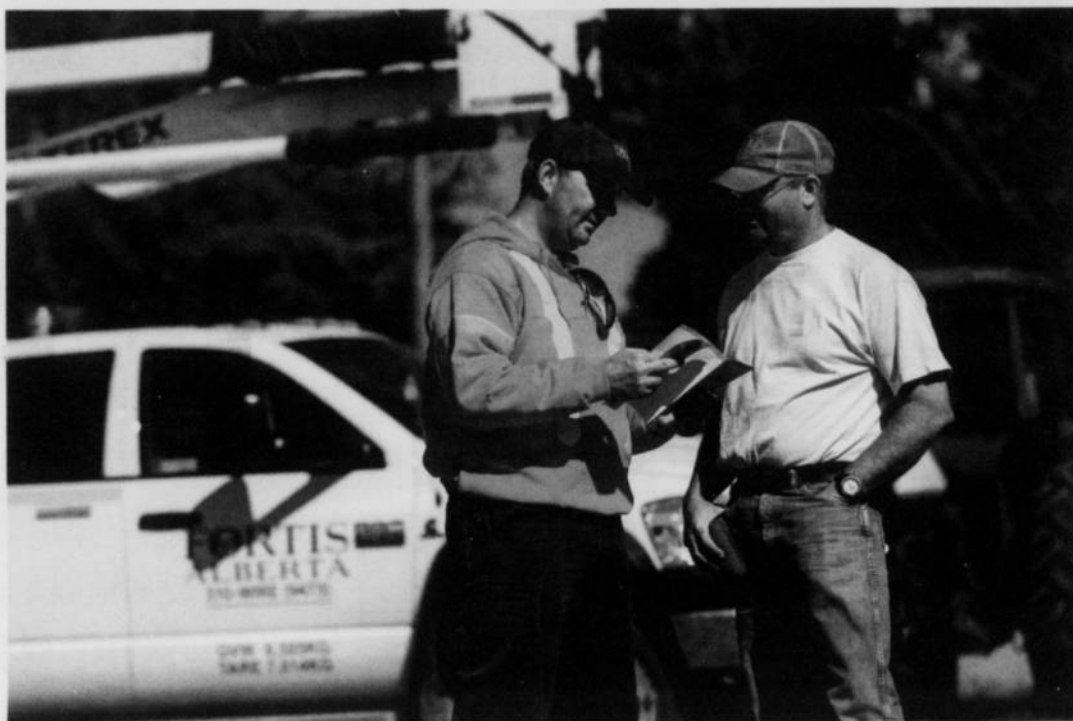
some sort of medical treatment and could really use a lift.

She added it could not have been done without the support of the com-

munity, through sponsors, volunteers and participants.



Photo submitted
Brooke Krebs (left) and her mother Louise lead the Wishmakers Walk on Sept. 28.



Kerry McClelland, at Hammer Stock Farms

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BUCHS, Doris Marie (Oneil)
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Doris Buchs of Cremona AB, passed away in the Didsbury Hospital at the age of 81 years.

She was born in Crossfield and moved to the Graham District in 1939. She remained in the area for most of her life, raising her family and working hard. She was well known in the community for her avid crib playing, scorekeeping, her famous cookies, her quick wit, sense of humor, devotion to her family and friends, all those that called her "mom" or "nan". She will be lovingly remembered by her partner Charlie Buchs; 8 children Ellen(Robert), Bertha(George), Ada(Larry), Walter(Jacqui), Kathy, Lorne(Laurie), Mona(Brian) and Curtis; brother Jim Oneil; 14 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and a great-great-grandson; best friend Margaret Stair, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, 7 sisters, 3 brothers, her first husband Carl Koester, and her grandson Kyle. Our family would like to thank the staff of Unit 4, and the staff of Acute Care in Didsbury for their caring, attentive and thoughtful services. Funeral services were held on Monday October 7, 2013 at the Cremona Community Hall with Pastor Mitch Wilsley officiating. Interment followed in the Big Prairie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to S.T.A.R.A. Air Ambulance or Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd, Didsbury entrusted with arrangements. 403-335-4773
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Douglas Raymond Clarke passed away peacefully in his home September 27, 2013 at the age of 73 years. He was born in Didsbury on November 11, 1939 and was raised on the family farm east of Didsbury.

Doug attended Gore School and Didsbury High School. He married Frances Kohut and raised two sons Doug Jr. and Kelly. Doug worked for several drilling contractors throughout his career in the oil patch working every job from floor hand to toolpush then consultant; a career that took him to every province in Western Canada and the much of the Western United States. He returned to the old family homestead east of Didsbury and enjoyed mixed farming, community get togethers and auction sales. Doug loved dropping in on neighbors for a coffee and visit. He liked nothing better than helping neighbors and friends during the harvest season. Doug enjoyed spirited discussions in local coffee shops. He was a regular fixture at every farm sale and enjoyed being a lightning rod at local county council meetings. Doug will be sadly missed by his friend Marilyn Leis; son Kelly (Corinne) as well as numerous extended family, friends and neighbours. He was predeceased by his parents George Sr. and Dorothy Clarke, son Douglas Jr., brothers George, David and Jim and sister Dorothy. Funeral services were held on Thursday October 3, 2013 at Heartland Funeral Services Chapel, Olds with Harold Hunter officiating. Interment was held in the Didsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Olds & Didsbury Food Banks. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610
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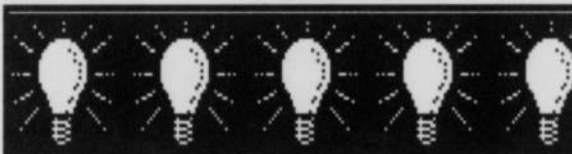
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